

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office restricts the present application to one of five groups (Group I-V) of alleged invention as detailed on page 2 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 18-21, drawn to a proton conductor.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that an examination on the merits of this case be conducted in due course.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s), if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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